

**To:** Purchia, Liz[Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]  
**From:** Michael Bastasch  
**Sent:** Mon 8/10/2015 4:49:36 PM  
**Subject:** Re: EPA mine spill  
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Thanks. So is this the first time EPA has tried to plug these mines?

On Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 12:44 PM, Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

See this story <http://www.kunc.org/post/why-was-environmental-protection-agency-messing-mine-above-silverton>

**From:** Michael Bastasch [mailto:mike@dailycallernewsfoundation.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 12:42 PM  
**To:** Purchia, Liz  
**Subject:** EPA mine spill

Hey Liz,

I've been told by some people who have been visiting the area where Gold King Mine is located for years that the color of the water isn't anything new -- it generally has orangy-yellow color for years. Is this true? Also I've been told that the agency has been trying to stop mine flows in the region with concrete plugs for the last decade or so. Can you confirm this?

Please let me know ASAP. My deadline is 1:30 pm EST. Thanks!

Best,

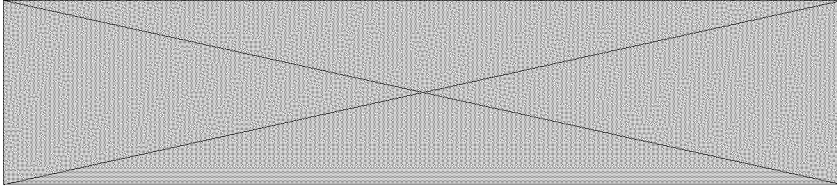
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